

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

ODIATOR ARUGU,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC21-933

The Florida Bar File
No. 2020-30,738 (9A)

**RESPONDENT'S CROSS-NOTICE OF INTENT
TO SEEK REVIEW OF REPORT OF REFEREE**

COMES NOW, Respondent, ODIATOR ARUGU, by and through his undersigned counsel and pursuant to rule 3-7.7(c)(1) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and files his Cross-Notice of Intent to Seek Review of Report of Referee and says:

1. Respondent requests this court review the report of referee docketed on December 13, 2021.

2. The Referee found the Respondent guilty of violating Rules 3-4.3, 4.3.4(a), 4.3.4(c) and 4.3.4(d), 4-4.1; 4-8.4(c) and 4-8.4(d) and recommended a 60-day suspension from the practice of law and payment of the disciplinary costs.

3. The Florida Bar filed a Notice of Intent to Seek Review of

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Report of Referee on February 10, 2022, in order to seek a 91-day suspension and payment of the disciplinary costs.

4. The Respondent is requesting review of the findings as to Rules 3-4.3, 4.3.4(a), 4.3.4(c) and 4.3.4(d), 4-4.1. He contends that the 60-day period of suspension from the practice of law is not warranted by the facts or law, and that the evidence did not support these findings of guilt by the required standard of clear and convincing evidence.

5. Respondent will not seek review of the finding of guilt of Rule 4-8.4(d), though he will argue that his conduct, to the extent it was prejudicial to the administration of justice, was no more so than that of his opposing counsel.

6. The Respondent's Answer Brief Cross-Initial Brief, with support for this for review, will be timely filed pursuant to Rule 3-7.7(c)(3).

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on February 25, 2022, a true and correct copy of the forgoing was filed through Florida Courts E-Filing Portal with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, with a copy provided via email to:

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